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Messrs. MORAN of Virginia, DEUTSCH, and SHOWS changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. HART and Mr. OLVER changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 298, I was in my district on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on today's suspension bills. Had I been capable of voting, I would have voted in support of H.R. 3482, Cyber Security Enhancement Act; H.R. 4755, Clarence Miller Post Office Building Designation; and H.R. 3479, National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, district business prevents me from being present for legislative business scheduled for today, Monday, July 15, 2002. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: H.R. 3482, the Cyber Security Enhancement Act (rollcall No. 296); and H.R. 4755, the Clarence Miller Post Office Building Designation Act (rollcall no. 297). I would have voted "nay" on H.R. 3479, the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act (rollcall No. 298).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet later this week to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on the legislative branch appropriations bill for fiscal year 2003. The bill was ordered reported by the Committee on Appropriations Thursday, July 11, and is expected to be filed later today.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment must submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a very brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, July 17. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Appropriations. The text is available at the Committee on Appropriations.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

HOOR OF MEETING TOMORROW

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1577

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1577.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

WHERE IS THE MONEY?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to say I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in my concerns about the corporate scandals that are taking place throughout this country and certainly the investors who have lost so much money. I resent very much the corporate leadership and how they have misled and manipulated the investors, and I hope that there will be a severe price to pay for this action.

However, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to come back to the floor tonight to talk about my concerns about the government in their report, which was the "2001 Financial Report of the United States Government." On page 110, we can see from the chart that they acknowledge in this report that the taxpayers or the government has lost \$17.3 billion of the taxpayers' money. My biggest concern is because the taxpayers do not have a choice, they have to pay their taxes at the end of the year, and those of us in Congress, I think we have a responsibility to make sure that the monies of our taxpayers are certainly being protected so there is not a report like the "2001 Financial Report of the United States Government," that said we have misplaced or lost or cannot reconcile transactions that total \$17.3 billion.

Mr. Speaker, I actually wrote to Secretary O'Neill on June 6 asking him to please respond to my letter asking questions as to where in the world could this \$17.3 billion have gone. I cer-

tainly think that the taxpayers of this country have a right to know. Certainly they are required to pay taxes, so they are investors in this government; and we have a responsibility to make certain that we can account for their monies.

In addition, there was the GAO testimony that was released on April 9, 2002. This was an appearance before the Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations. I want to read one statement from David Walker, Comptroller General of the United States. He said, "As in the four previous fiscal years, we were unable to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements because of certain material weaknesses in internal control and accounting and reporting issues. These conditions prevented us from being able to provide the Congress and the American citizens an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements are fairly stated in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles."

Mr. Speaker, when I read that information to the House and to the American people, we certainly have our responsibility as elected officials to make certain that the people that have the privilege to work for the taxpayers of this country make sure that we spend their money wisely. I am almost embarrassed to be here on the floor to say to the American people and to my colleagues on the floor of the House that in this 2001 report we have acknowledged that we have lost \$17.3 billion of the taxpayers' money.

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Mr. Speaker, I am going to close by saying in addition to Secretary O'Neill, I have written a letter to Chairman DAN BURTON asking that he hold a hearing and let us see if we cannot find out where the taxpayers' \$17.3 billion has gone. We owe them an explanation.

As we look into the corporate scandals, let us also look at the accounting system of the United States Government so that we can explain to the taxpayers of this country where their money is going.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)